

## Message Text

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TAGS: BGEN, BTRD, NI  
SUBJECT: METRIC MARKINGS

REF: (A) USDOC 00328: (B) USDOC 00647

1. FMG VMININDUSTRIES (NIGERIAN STANDARDS ORGANIZATION) HAB INFORMALLY NOTIFIED SOME DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS THAT SINCE SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATION OF METRIC MARKING DECREE STILL BEING DISCUSSED IN FMG BUREAUCRACY, DUAL MARKINGS (I.E. METRIC AND NON-METRIC INCLUSIVE) ON AFFECTED GOODS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE INDEFINITELY.

2. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN WRITTEN CONFIRMATION ABOVE INFORMATION. HOWEVER, IN INTERIM WE AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ARE ADVISING THAT EXPORTERS CAN SAFELY SHIP GOODS INTO NIGERIA IF THEY HAVE DUAL MARKINGS.

3. COMMENT: COMBINED EFFORTS OF THIS EMBASSY, FOUR OTHER MISSIONS AND SEVERAL MAJOR NIGERIAN DISTRIBUTORS TO QUOTE EDUCATE UNQUOTE MINISTRY TECHNOCRATS AND POLICY MAKERS ON DAMAGING EFFECTS OF ABRUPT IMPLEMENTATION OF METRIC MARKING DECREE APPEAR TO HAVE SUCCEEDED. ALTHOUGH EVENTUAL EXCLUSIVE USE OF METRIC MARKINGS FOR ALL GOODS TO BE TRADING IN NIGERIA IS CERTAIN, IT NOW SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT FMG MAY PUT CHANGEOVER INTO EFFECT VERY GRADUALLY. SOME OBSERVERS ESTIMATE THAT PROCESS COULD BE STRETCHED OUT OVER SEVERAL YEARS IN ORDER

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